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Borough of Evesham

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1937.

MR. MAYOR AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report on the health of your District for the year 1937.

GENERAL AND VITAL STATISTICS

Area, in acres	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,958
Population, Census 1931	...	...	...	...	...	...	10,605
Registrar General's estimate of resident population, mid 1937	...	...	...	...	...	...	10,910
Number of inhabited houses, end of 1937	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,116
Rateable value (1st April, 1937)	...	...	...	...	...	...	£74,991
Sum represented by a penny rate	...	...	...	...	...	...	£294
Live Births—Legitimate	...	...	83	81	164		
Illegitimate	...	...	5	2	7		
Birth-rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population	...	...	...	...	15.7		
Still Births	...	...	2	5	7		
Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births	...	...	...	...	39		
Deaths	...	...	66	53	119		
Death-rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population	...	...	...	...	10.9		
Deaths from Puerperal Causes:							
			Deaths.	Rates per 1,000 total (live and still births).			
Puerperal Sepsis	...	...	Nil	Nil			
Other Puerperal Causes	...	...	1	5.6			
Total	...	...	1	5.6			
Death-rate of infants under one year of age:							
All infants per 1,000 live births	...	...	...	...	35		
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	...	...	...	...	30		
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	...	...	...	...	143		
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	...	...	...	...	18		
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	...	...	...	...	Nil		
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	...	...	...	...	Nil		
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	...	...	...	...	Nil		

Comparison with the figures for the whole country is as follows :

	England & Wales.	District.
Birth-rate	14.9	15.7
Death-rate	12.4	10.9
Infantile Mortality rate	58	35

CAUSES OF DEATH.

The following Table gives the causes of death during 1937, viz. :

Causes of Death.	Males.	Females	Total.
Measles	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	—	—	—
Diphtheria	—	—	—
Influenza	1	1	2
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	4	3	7
Other Tuberculous Diseases	1	—	1
Cancer, Malignant Disease	10	8	18
Syphilis	1	1	2
Diabetes	1	—	1
Cerebral Hæmorrhage, etc.	6	5	11
Heart Disease	15	13	28
Aneurysm	—	—	—
Other Circulatory Diseases	6	2	8
Bronchitis	2	3	5
Pneumonia (all forms)	3	3	6
Other Respiratory Diseases	—	—	—
Peptic Ulcer	1	—	1
Diarrhœa, etc.	—	—	—
Appendicitis, etc.	—	2	2
Cirrhosis of Liver	—	1	1
Other Diseases of Liver, etc.	—	—	—
Other Digestive Diseases	1	—	1
Acute and Chronic Nephritis	1	1	2
Puerperal Sepsis	—	—	—
Other Puerperal Causes	—	1	1
Congenital Debility, etc.	1	2	3
Senility	5	4	9
Suicide	1	—	1
Other Deaths from Violence	1	—	1
Other defined Diseases	4	3	7
Causes ill-defined or unknown	1	—	1
Totals	66	53	119

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

These remain the same as set out in my Report for the year 1930, and I need not refer to them again now.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

I append the Report of your Sanitary Inspector, Mr. Abbott, relating to these matters, which gives details of the work carried out.

WATER.

The year was one with good rainfall—approximately 28 inches, of which nearly 9 inches fell in the first three months, and there was no actual shortage of water. But the springs manifested the usual wide seasonal fluctuation of their yield: in the winter great superabundance, in the summer months a bare sufficiency for requirements.

This is the normal behaviour of deep springs: in the winter much of the rain percolates, but from April to September or later, although rainfall may nearly equal that of the winter months most of it evaporates from the surface of the soil and vegetation and very little percolates deeply into the soil to plenish the springs.

During these months the yield from existing sources cannot be relied upon to afford the volume needed for a constant unrestricted supply. In 1933, 1934 and 1935 the water had to be cut off at night. Such curtailment is prejudicial to the welfare and convenience of the community. In addition to these limitations and restraints in 1934, to meet the exigency, you had to augment your supply with 8,000,000 gallons from the Evesham Rural District Council and the Middle Hill Estate and in 1935 from the same sources you purchased over 7½ million gallons.

No moderate augmentation of the minimum summer flow by an extra few ten thousand gallons daily will serve to relieve this seasonal deficiency: you have been wise to seek new sources where water may be obtained abundantly to meet all present and possible future needs.

The scheme you have carefully considered and to which Mr. Abbott has given so much thought and attention would ensure a lasting ample supply: it is much to be hoped that you may be able to carry it out—and soon

SWIMMING BATH.

Bacteriological examination of the water in the bath shewed that the filtration and chlorinating plant was functioning satisfactorily and keeping the water in good condition.

SEWAGE WORKS.

The provision of more adequate sewage disposal works is an important sanitary requirement which has engaged your attention for some years, and you are now formulating plans for laying down new works well outside the town retaining the old as a collecting and pumping station only. Such a solution of the sewage disposal question, in my opinion, will be entirely satisfactory.

HOUSING.

Detailed statistical information for 1937 will be found in the tabular statement which is included in your Sanitary Inspector's Report attached to this Report.

Of the condemned houses only one was demolished during the year: with regard to others action had to be deferred as no new houses were built in 1937 into which displaced tenants could be put: but your building scheme at Fairfield now will soon be finished and the removal of tenants from bad houses begun.

The present type of houses being erected appears to me a good one, and the 12 experimental 2 bedroom flats very well designed and convenient. I shall be surprised if they do not prove popular—although the outdoor space allotted them is not large.

ERADICATION OF BED-BUGS.

The presence of these pests was reported in 6 houses. Four of these were Council houses that had been built some years ago. The houses were adjoining, and it was clear that the invasion spread from one primarily infested successively to the neighbouring houses.

Cimex Fumigators and Zaldecide Spray were used to combat the pests. This treatment was assiduously carried out by Mr. Jameson, who subsequently paid weekly or fortnightly visits, making special investigations to ensure that eradication was complete.

You have approved the following measures to be applied in future:—

1. Special examination for bugs of all condemned houses before the tenants are removed, and where found in these or any other houses—
2. Treatment of the house, furniture, bedding, etc., in every appropriate way, including steam sterilisation where applicable, and contracting for special van fumigation when necessary.
3. Destruction of any bedding or old padded furniture, etc., which may appear incapable of certain de-infestation, and
4. In necessitous cases providing new mattresses, etc., to replace those destroyed.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

The duties under the Food and Drugs (Adulteration) Act, 1928, are carried out by the Inspectors of Weights and Measures. Sanitary Inspectors can also take samples under the Acts.

All dairies and slaughterhouses are under the supervision of your Sanitary Inspector, by whom they are visited periodically.

A whole time Veterinary Officer for the County, appointed by the County Council, now undertakes routine quarter examination of cattle in "Grade A" herds; the tracing of tuberculous milk samples under section 4 of the Milk and Dairies (Consolidation) Act, 1915, and clinical examinations of cows in registered dairies.

The remainder of the veterinary work under the Diseases of Animals Acts 1894-1935, and all Orders of the Ministry of Agriculture connected therewith has been left with the Local Veterinary Inspectors who act under the direction of the Chief Constable of the County.

MILK.

The results of examination of samples taken from various purveyors shewed that the raw milk sold in the Borough was of a standard quality equal to that prescribed for "Accredited Milk."

The samples taken of milk sold as "Pasteurised" did not always fulfil the tests appropriate to that designation—especially the Phosphatase Test, which indicates that the right temperature has been properly maintained during the process of Pasteurisation.

The purveyor was visited by Mr. Abbott and myself, enquiries made and advice and directions given.

Report on the administration of the Factory and Workshop Act 1901
in connection with

FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

1.—Inspection of Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.

Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors or Inspectors of Nuisances.

Premises. (1)	Number of		
	Inspections. (2)	Written Notices. (3)	Occupiers Prosecuted. (4)
Factories (Including Factory Laundries)	17	2	
Workshops (Including Workshop Laundries)	5		
Workplaces (Other than Outworkers' premises)	43		
Total	65	2	None

2.—Defects found in Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.

Particulars. (1)	Number of Defects.			Number of offences in respect of which Prosecutions were instituted. (5)
	Found. (2)	Remedied. (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector. (4)	
Nuisances under the Public Health Acts:—*				
Want of cleanliness ...	2	2		
Want of ventilation ...				
Overcrowding ...				
Want of drainage of floors ...				
Other nuisances ...				
Sanitary accommodation:—				
Insufficient ...				
Unsuitable or defective				
Not separate for sexes				
Offences under the Factory and Workshop Acts:—				
Illegal occupation of underground bake-house (s.101) ...				
Other offences ...				
(Excluding offences relating to outwork and offences under the Sections mentioned in the Schedule to the Ministry of Health (Factories and Workshops Transfer of Powers) Order, 1921.)				
Total ...	2	2	None	None

* Including those specified in sections 2, 3, 7 and 8 of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, as remediable under the Public Health Acts.

OUTWORK IN UNWHOLESOME PREMISES, SECTION 108

There were no instances of this during the year.

(Signed) G. E. HARTHAN,

June, 1938.

Medical Officer of Health.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR.

The following Table gives the number of cases notified, etc.:

Age Groups.	Scarlet Fever.			Diphtheria			Enteric Fever.			Puerperal Fever.			Puerperal Pyrexia.		
	Cases.	Hospital Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Hospital Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Hospital Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Hospital Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Hospital Cases.	Deaths.
Under 1 year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1—2 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3—4 "	2	2	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—10 "	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
11—15 "	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
16—20 "	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
21—35 "	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	1	1	—	2	1	—
36—45 "	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
46—65 "	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
66 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	5	5	—	1	1	—	3	3	—	1	1	—	3	1	—

SCARLET FEVER AND DIPHTHERIA.

Occurrence of Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria during 1937:

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Scarlet Fever ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	2	—	5
Diphtheria ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1

The Scarlet Fever cases were scattered—2 in Evesham, 2 in Bengeworth and one at Hampton and there appeared to be no connection between any of them.

It was gratifying to have only one case of Diphtheria during the year.

ENTERIC FEVER.

Of the three cases notified two were of the Typhoid type, the other a case of Para-typhoid "A," a similar but distinct disease.

From my enquiries and the information I was able to obtain two of the cases certainly and the other probably were infected outside the Borough. One was a visitor who fell ill a few days after coming here, another just after returning from a holiday, and the third was a lorry driver whose calling took him out of the town to various places.

PUERPERAL FEVER.

The single case of Puerperal Fever notified occurred in August and the patient was removed to hospital where she made a good recovery.

PUERPERAL PYREXIA.

Three cases were notified during the year, one in May, one in June and the remaining case in November. Only one of the patients was removed to Hospital.

TUBERCULOSIS.

The following Table gives particulars of the 17 new cases of tuberculosis and of all deaths from the disease in the area during 1937 :

Age Periods.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1—4 years ...	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—
5—14 „ ...	—	—	1	3	—	—	—	—
15—24 „ ...	2	2	—	1	2	—	—	—
25—34 „ ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35—44 „ ...	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
45—54 „ ...	1	1	1	—	1	1	—	—
55—64 „ ...	2	—	—	—	1	1	—	—
65 and upwards	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals ...	6	4	3	4	4	2	1	—

Number of deaths from non-notified tuberculosis ... Nil

Total number of tuberculosis deaths ... 7

The following Table shows the notification and death-rate per 1,000 of the population from tuberculosis for the last 21 years :

	Notification Rate.		Death rate.	
	Pulmonary.	Non-Pulmonary.	Pulmonary.	Non-Pulmonary.
1937.	.94	.66	.56	.09
1936.	1.37	.09	.82	—
1935.	1.44	.45	.63	.27
1934.	.81	.36	.18	.08
1933.	.67	.22	1.03	.11
1932.	1.47	.68	.45	.11
1931.	1.13	.12	.79	.34
1930.	1.38	.69	.59	.23
1929.	.45	.23	.69	.11
1928.	1.63	1.28	.93	.23
1927.	1.87	.58	.94	.12
1926.	1.33	.35	.82	—
1925.	.93	.11	.69	—
1924.	1.40	.23	.46	.11
1923.	1.85	.46	1.04	.23
1922.	1.40	.46	1.16	.23
1921.	2.32	.69	.92	.35
1920.	2.26	.34	.56	.11
1919.	2.80	.35	1.06	—
1918.	2.70	.65	1.95	.27
1917.	3.20	.25	1.40	.12

SCHOOLS.

It was not necessary to close any of the Schools in the Borough during the year owing to illness.

I append the Report of your Surveyor, Mr. Abbott, to whom I am again deeply indebted for his great help and co-operation given to me throughout the year.

Your obedient Servant,

G. E. HARTHAN,

Medical Officer of Health.

Sheriff's Lench,
Evesham.

1937.

Borough of Evesham

REPORT OF SANITARY INSPECTOR FOR YEAR, 1937.

Mr. Mayor, Mrs. Councillor Nightingale and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my Annual Report of Sanitary work for the year 1937.

1. *Infectious Diseases.*

Under the heading of "Outbreaks of Infectious Disease" there were twenty-six cases; a decrease in the figures of the previous year. Those notified as suffering from Diphtheria and Scarlet Fever were removed to and treated at the Sanatorium. The houses occupied by the patients were afterwards fumigated with "formalin" vapour.

A new ambulance is to be provided by the Evesham and Pershore Joint Hospital Board for conveying patients to the Sanatorium.

2. *Milk Supplies, Dairies, Cowsheds and Milk Shops.*

Most of the milk purveyed in the Borough was produced in outside districts.

The dairies, on the whole, were satisfactory. Two new dairies were provided during the year.

One Cow-shed was re-modelled according to my directions. There remain two Cow-sheds which need reconstructing to bring them up to a proper standard.

The Milk Shops, on the whole, were satisfactorily kept.

A number of milk samples were taken from time to time for bacteriological analyses.

3. *Meat Inspection—Butchers' Shops and Slaughter Houses.*

Regular inspections were carried out. It will be observed from the report that a very large quantity of meat and offal, unfit for human consumption, was voluntarily surrendered and destroyed.

4. *Common Lodging Houses.*

Inspections were carried out at these premises. Notices were given to cleanse two of the four Lodging Houses and to remove accumulations of rubbish.

5. *Factories and Workshops.*

The condition of these were found satisfactory.

New sanitary accommodation for both sexes was provided in one large factory.

Two bakehouses were cleansed and limewashed in compliance with notices served upon the owners.

6. *House Refuse Collection and Disposal.*

House refuse was regularly and systematically collected.

New vehicles of the tractor and trailer-cum-horse type were provided for this collection which proved satisfactory.

The refuse was partly destructed at the Destructor and the remainder taken to the Tips in Badsey Lane and Hampton.

7. *Waterworks and Supplies.*

Extensions to water mains in Abbey Road and Fairfield housing site were carried out.

A scheme to augment the present water supply from a source at Pinnock was prepared but not proceeded with owing to opposition from the Thames Conservancy, other Authorities and certain riparian owners along the River Windrush. It was decided to carry out trial works at this source with a view to extracting the water before entering the stream. During the coming year application will be made to the Ministry of Health to hold an Inquiry in connection therewith.

Samples of the town water were collected for chemical and bacteriological examination which proved to be of the usual good quality.

8. *Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.*

Extensions were made to the sewerage system in connection with the Fairfield Housing Scheme.

Mr. A. H. S. Waters, Consulting Engineer, Birmingham, was consulted with regard to the present Sewage Disposal Works. He advised that the present Works which are both inadequate and unsatisfactory should be replaced by new works on another site remote from building development. The old Works to be retained only as a Pumping Station. The necessary details and drawings for new Works are to be put in hand.

9. *Smoke Abatement.*

Three cases were reported. A summons was taken out against an offender who appeared before the Justices and was fined.

10. *Slum Clearance.*

A Council Housing Scheme comprising thirty-six 3-bedroom houses and twelve 2-bedroom flats was commenced at Fairfield, Hampton, to accommodate families from unfit houses.

Demolition Orders were made in respect of twenty-one houses under the Housing Act, 1936.

In conclusion, I desire to tender my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee, the Medical Officer of Health and all the Officials for their co-operation and assistance in connection with the duties devolving upon my Department.

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) J. ABBOTT,

Sanitary Inspector.

June, 1938.

BOROUGH OF EVESHAM.

Public Health Staff.

(a) Medical Officer of Health : G. E. Harthan, B.A., M.B., B.C. (Camb.).

(b) Sanitary Inspector : J. Abbott, Cert.R.San.I.

(c) Assistant Sanitary Inspector and Meat Inspector : G. C. Lancaster, F.R.C.V.S.

(d) Others : R. J. Jameson, G. W. J. Kite and C. Cameron.

Inspector's Report of the Sanitary Work completed in the year ended the 31st December, 1937.

Infectious Diseases, &c.	Visits to houses on account of notifiable disease	12
	Houses disinfected after notifiable disease	12
	Other houses disinfected	5
Housing.	Houses erected : (a) By Local Authority	Nil
	(b) By private enterprise or subsidy ...	17
	1. (a) Total number of houses inspected for housing defects	342
	(b) Number (included above) inspected and recorded under Housing (Consolidated) Regulations, 1925 ...	Nil
	(c) Number of dwelling-houses found unfit for habitation	29
	(d) Number of dwelling-houses (excluding c.) not in all respects fit for habitation	6
	2. Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit after informal action ...	4
	3. Housing Act, 1936, Sections 9, 10 and 16.	
	(a) Number of dwellings in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs or defects remedied	43
	(b) Number of dwellings subsequently rendered fit after notice by	
	(a) The Owner	26
	(b) Local Authority in default of owner	Nil
	4. Public Health Acts.	
	(a) Number of dwellings in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs or defects remedied	4
	(b) Number of dwellings subsequently rendered fit after notice by	
	(a) The Owner	4
	(b) Local Authority in default of owner	Nil
	5. Housing Act, 1936, Sections 11 and 13.	
	(a) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	21
	(b) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	1

INSPECTOR'S REPORT(continued).

Housing— <i>cont.</i>	6. Housing Act, 1936, Section 12.	
	(a) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	Nil
	(b) Number of Closing Orders determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit ...	Nil
	7. Housing Act, 1936—Part IV.—Overcrowding.	
	(a) Number of dwelling-houses overcrowded at the end of the year ...	Exact figures are not available
	Number of families dwelling therein ...	
	Number of persons dwelling therein ...	
	(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year ...	Nil
	(c) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year ...	6
	Number of persons concerned in such cases ...	31
Moveable Dwellings, Caravans, &c.	(d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling - houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding ...	Nil
	(e) Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report ...	
	Dirty Houses dealt with ...	4
	Yards paved or repaved ...	2
	No. observed ...	Nil
	No. dealt with, as insanitary ...	Nil
House Drainage, &c.	No. laid or relaid ...	22
	No. trapped, ventilated and repaired ...	22
	No. of obstructed drains dealt with ...	4
	No. of house-drains tested ...	23
	No. of insanitary lavatories, sinks and urinals rectified ...	8
	In what parishes, if any, is there need for a sewerage scheme, or improvements in sewage disposal? ...	See Sanitary Requirements
	*No. of privy middens in use at end of year ...	10
	*No. of earth or pail closets in use at end of year ...	3
	(*Urban Districts only)	
Water Closets	No. of privy or pail conversions, including additional W.C.'s ...	Nil
	No. of defective W.C.'s, remedied ...	2
	No. of Slop Closets, converted to W.C.'s, with fresh water flush ...	Nil
	No. of additional W.C.'s put in ...	28

INSPECTOR'S REPORT (continued)

Scavenging	No. of houses from which refuse was removed	3,255																
	No. of privies cleansed	Nil																
	No. of Ashpits cleansed	Nil																
	No. of portable receptacles cleansed, No. of ashpits removed and ash bins provided	3,132																
	How often is house refuse removed ...	27																
		Once weekly, and twice weekly in parts of town																
Smoke Nuisances	No. under observation	3																
	No. abated	3																
	Prosecutions	1																
Offensive Trades (Sec. 112 P.H.A. 1875, Section 51 P.H.A.A.A. 1907)	No. under observation	7																
	No. improperly conducted	Nil																
	No. newly established, with consent of Council	Nil																
Water Supply	No. of wells sunk	Nil																
	No. of wells cleansed and repaired ..	Nil																
	No. of wells closed as polluted	Nil																
	No. of houses supplied from waterworks during year	22																
	No. of samples of water sent for analysis	10																
	No. of houses with contaminated or deficient water supplies dealt with ...	Nil																
	Is there a deficiency in any parish or part of the District? If so, please give name of parish or part?	During drought periods																
Slaughter Houses	Public Slaughter houses	None																
	No. registered (private)	2*																
	No. licensed (private)	2*																
	No. of contraventions of bye-laws or defects found	Nil																
	Cases of slaughtering on unlicensed premises reported	Nil																
	No. of inspections	*Average thrice weekly																
Milk	No. of registered dairy farms in the area	4																
	Total No. of Retailers in district ..	18																
	No. of Licences under Milk (Special Designations) Order:—																	
	<table><tr><td></td><td>Pasteurized</td><td>Accredited</td><td>Tuberculin Tested</td></tr><tr><td>Bottlers</td><td>1</td><td>Nil</td><td>Nil</td></tr><tr><td>Retailers</td><td>2</td><td>Nil</td><td>Nil</td></tr><tr><td>Producers</td><td>Nil</td><td>Nil</td><td>Nil</td></tr></table>		Pasteurized	Accredited	Tuberculin Tested	Bottlers	1	Nil	Nil	Retailers	2	Nil	Nil	Producers	Nil	Nil	Nil	
		Pasteurized	Accredited	Tuberculin Tested														
Bottlers	1	Nil	Nil															
Retailers	2	Nil	Nil															
Producers	Nil	Nil	Nil															
Approximate No. of milking cows in the district	22																	
Canal Boats	No. of boats on register	None																
	No. of boats registered during year ...																	
	No. of certificates renewed																	
	No. of boats inspected (for registration or otherwise)																	
	No. of contraventions of Acts and Regulations dealt with																	

INSPECTOR'S REPORT (continued)

Lodging Houses	No. on Register	4
	No. of inspections	16
	No. of contraventions of bye-laws or defects found	2
Houses Let in Lodgings	No. on Register	Nil
	No. of Inspections	
	No. of contraventions of bye-laws or defects found	
Food	No. of seizures as unfit for consumption	T. C. Q. 22 11 2 2 0 22 13 2
	Amount voluntarily surrendered as unfit for consumption	
	Amount destroyed as unfit for consumption: Meat	
	Other Foodstuffs (Fish)	
	Cases of animals affected with Tuberculosis: Oxen	
	Pigs	
Food and Drugs Act	Samples taken for analysis	Nil
	No. of samples certified genuine	
	No. of samples certified adulterated	
Other Matters	Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, Cases dealt with.	43 Notices
	Verminous Persons. Cases dealt with	Nil
	Verminous Houses do.	3
	Stagnant Water do.	Nil
	Nuisances arising from domestic animals	Nil
Legal Proceedings	Convictions obtained with regard to insanitary conditions	Nil
	Convictions obtained with regard to unsound food	
Outbreaks of Infectious Disease or other abnormal illness during the year	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	8
	Non-pulmonary Tuberculosis	7
	Puerperal Pyrexia	3
	Puerperal Fever	1
	Scarlet Fever	5
	Diphtheria	1
	Erysipelas	1
	Total	26
Have any large sanitary improvements taken place during the year? If so, please give particulars.	Extension of 3-inch branch water main to new Police Buildings, Abbey Road, and to Fairfield Housing Scheme. New Refuse Collection Vehicles of Tractor and Trailer type.	
What are the chief sanitary requirements of the district?	1. Augmentation of water supply (Drawings, etc., before the Ministry of Health). 2. Slum Clearance (Partly carried out). 3. Council Housing Scheme (Building of 36 3-bedroom houses and 12 2-bedroom flats in course of erection). 4. Sewage Disposal (Drawings, etc., in course of preparation).	

INSPECTOR'S REPORT (continued)

No. of cases of T y p h o i d or Paratyphoid Fever during the year with any notes as to possible origin	Typhoid, 2; and Paratyphoid A, 1 ...	3
General Remarks		

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Sanitary Inspector.

June, 1938.

